

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re patent application of

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For: URATE OXIDASE ACTIVITY PROTEIN, RECOMBINANT GENE  
CODING THEREFOR, EXPRESSION VECTOR, MICRO-  
ORGANISMS AND TRANSFORMED CELLS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified  
application, applicants respectfully request entry of that  
the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

4. (Amended) A protein according to [anyone of  
claims 1 to 3] claim 1, having a purity degree, determined  
by liquid chromatography on a C8 grafted silica column,  
higher than 80%.

5. (Amended) A protein according to [anyone of  
claims 1 to 3] claim 1, having an isoelectric point around  
8.0.

6. (Amended) A protein according to [anyone of  
claims 1 to 4] claim 1, which carries a blocking group on  
the amino-terminal serine having preferably a molecular  
mass around 43 units of atomic mass.